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House Resolution No. 858

Whereas, it is with sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize an outstanding Missouri couple whose devotion to each other has enabled them to experience a long, happy, and successful marriage; and

Whereas, this legislative body is exceedingly proud of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bearden, treasured residents of Piedmont, Missouri, and wishes to honor them on the joyous occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary; and

Whereas, Walter and Pat Bearden began their life together as husband and wife fifty years ago in a beautiful ceremony on February 14, 1955, in Piedmont; and

Whereas, God has blessed Walter and Pat Bearden with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include three sons and their spouses, the Honorable Carl Bearden, Speaker Pro Tem of the Missouri House of Representatives, and his wife, Debbie Bearden of St. Charles, Roger and Debbie Bearden of Benton, and Dale and Lynn Bearden of Piedmont; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild on the way; and

Whereas, Walter Bearden provided a comfortable home and secure future for his loved ones through his successful endeavors with Brown Shoe Company, from which he is now retired; and

Whereas, Pat Bearden distinguished herself as a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who is retired from her position as a cook with the Clearwater R-I School District; and

Whereas, Walter and Pat Bearden have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes during their half century as husband and wife, a few of which include hunting and gardening; and

Whereas, Walter and Pat Bearden commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on February 6, 2005, in the multi-purpose building at Victory Baptist Temple:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join the Honorable Rod Jetton in extending our most hearty congratulations to Walter and Pat Bearden at this significant milestone in their married life and in wishing them many happy and glorious years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bearden.

Offered by Speaker Rod Jetton District No. 156

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 858, adopted March 3, 2005.